(Rs. In crore)

Year	Public expenditure on health
2006-07	40678.86
2007-08	48685.21
2008-09	58681.38

The information on expenditure for the current year is not available

The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims to raise public health spending to at least 2% of GDP during the Plan period.

To increase, efficiently utilize the health budget and to support the public health system in the States, Government of India has launched the National Rural Health Mission in 2005 and this has an outlay of Rs.90,558 crore during the 11th plan period. The Mission aims to provide quality health services, which are accessible, affordable and accountable. It also strengthens the primary health care in the country.

The allocation for a number of other programmers for tackling existing epidemics and new diseases has also been enhanced substantially in the first two years of the Plan period. To tackle H1N1, significant amount is being spent during the current financial year.

WHO's warning on dengue

1318. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued warning regarding outbreak of dengue in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the preparedness in this regard;

(c) whether Government is also aware that with existing infrastructure it is becoming difficult for the Delhi hospitals to cater to the needs of patients; and

(d) if so, how Government is going to tackle the problem of dengue and also of H1N1?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise. However, Government of India is monitoring the situation and preparedness of the State Government including Delhi for prevention and Control of Dengue.

(c) and (d) Government has adequate infrastructure to tackle the problem of dengue and H1N1. It has been further strengthened both at the level of Government of India and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has taken following steps:

- All hospitals to designate a special room for attending to fever cases in the Medical OPD (from 9.00 AM to 3.30).

- All accident and emergency departments within the hospitals will attend to fever cases reporting in their emergency after 3.30 PM. In case of reporting of a suspected serious dengue patient, the patient will be stabilized before transportation to a tertiary hospital. One hospital in each district is designated for the facility for testing a dengue beyond OPD hours.

- Availability of platelet concentrate round the clock in four Regional Blood Transfusion Centers under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and all the regional blood transfusion centers under the State Blood Transfusion Council will be ensured.

For controlling H1N1, Government of India has taken the following actions:

- Number of screening centers have been established unidentified health facilities, where patients are triaged (A, B, C, category) according to established guidelines. Mild cases, in category A are advised home care. Category B cases with persistent symptoms or those in high risk group but without complications are given drugs, not trusted and advised home care and follow up Only Category C patients, those showing early warning signs of deterioration or complications, are hospitalized.

* All Central Government hospitals in Delhi (5) and selected Delhi government hospitals (13) have been identified for managing swine flue. These are having dedicated isolation and critical care management facilities. 4 private hospitals have also been authorized for paid treatment. 5 private labs have also been empanelled for providing diagnostics facilities.

Telemedicine facility for HIV infected patients

1319. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to provide telemedicine facility to HIV infected patients in remote areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of *modus-operandi* and time-frame for this project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes The telemedicine facility for HIV infected patients is being set up on a pilot basis in the center of Excellence, Maulana Azad Medical college, New Delhi. The project called - project DISHA - ECHO is a joint Collaboration between university of New Mexico, USA and National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Government of India.

The telemedicine facility will link ART centers in remote areas with the Centres of Excellence (COE). The interaction of medical officers of ART centers with specialists at COE will promote